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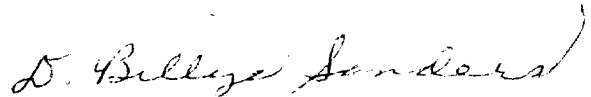
K. David Waddell
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Re: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry into Long Distance (interLATA) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 – Petition of SBC Telecom, Inc. for Leave to Intervene; Docket No. 97-00309

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed you will find the original and thirteen (13) copies of the Petition of SBC Telecom, Inc. for Leave to Intervene in the above referenced docket. I have also enclosed a proposed Order and a check in the amount for \$25 for the filing fee.

Sincerely,



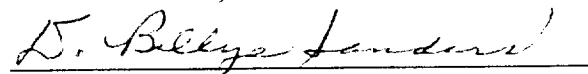
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w/Enclosures

cc: Steve Strickland, SBC Telecom
Parties of Record

Certificate of Service

I, D. Billye Sanders, hereby certify that I have served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition of SBC Telecom, Inc. for Leave to Intervene on the parties of record on the attached list by depositing a copy of same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as shown on such list on this 12th day of July, 2001.


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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE: BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)
INC.'S ENTRY INTO LONG DISTANCE)
(InterLATA) SERVICE IN TENNESSEE) Docket No. 97-00309
PURSUANT TO SECTION 271 OF THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

**PETITION OF SBC TELECOM, INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

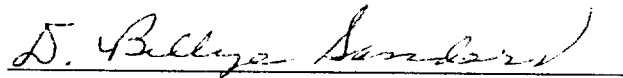
SBC Telecom, Inc. ("SBC Telecom"), pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-5-310, hereby petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") for leave to intervene in the above referenced proceeding and to participate as its interest may appear. In support of this Petition, SBC Telecom states the following:

1. SBC Telecom is a Delaware corporation authorized to transact business in the State of Tennessee, and authorized by the Authority to operate as a competing telecommunications service provider within the State of Tennessee. As a holder of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by this Authority to provide local and interexchange telecommunications services, the legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests of SBC Telecom may be determined in this proceeding.
2. SBC Telecom anticipates that its role will be limited to monitoring the proceeding, however, it reserves the right to participate as its interest may appear.
3. The interest of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will be not impaired by the intervention of SBC Telecom.
4. This Petition to Intervene is being filed at least seven (7) days before the hearing of this cause.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

1. That it be permitted to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party as its interest may appear and to receive copies of all notices, orders and other documents issued or filed in this docket; and that such documents be served on D. Billye Sanders and Steve Strickland at the addresses listed below.
2. That Petitioner be granted such other and further relief to which it is entitled.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Billye Sanders", is written over a horizontal line.

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ORDER GRANTING PETITION OF SBC TELECOM, INC. TO INTERVENE

This matter is before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority upon the Petition of SBC Telecom, Inc. for Leave to Intervene in the above captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310(a) sets forth the following criteria for granting Petitions for Intervene:

- (1) The petition is submitted in writing to the administrative judge or hearing officer, with copies mailed to all parties named in the notice of the hearing, at least seven (7) days before the hearing;
- (2) The petition states facts demonstrating that the petitioner's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interest may be determined in the proceeding or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor under any provision of law; and
- (3) The administrative judge or hearing officer determines that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings shall not be impaired by allowing the intervention.

The Pre-Hearing Officer finds that the petition to intervene of SBC Telecom, Inc. is timely filed and has been properly served; substantiates that the legal interests of the intervenor may be determined in this matter; and demonstrates that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this matter would not be impaired by allowing the intervenors.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

SBC Telecom, Inc. is hereby given leave to intervene and participate in this proceeding as its interest may appear and receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents herein.

Pre-Hearing Officer

ATTEST:

K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary